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EDUCATION

Postdoctoral Fellowship (2009). Department of Psychology & Biobehavioral Sciences (formerly Behavioral Medicine), St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, TN

PhD Developmental and Clinical Psychology (2008). University of Missouri, Columbia, MO

Clinical Psychology Pre-doctoral Internship (2007-2008). University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, MS

MA Clinical Psychology (2003). University of Missouri, Columbia, MO

BA History (1998). Colgate University, Hamilton, NY

POSITIONS and APPOINTMENTS

2022 – present ***Translational Research Director of Health Psychology***
Institute for Rehabilitation Science and Engineering
Madonna Rehabilitation Hospitals, Lincoln, NE

2022 - present ***Adjunct Assistant Professor***
Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
College of Medicine
University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE

- 2022 **Adjunct Faculty Member**
Department of Child, Youth and Family Studies
University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE
- 2019 – 2022 **Associate Professor**
Department of Child, Youth and Family Studies
University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE
- 2014 – 2019 **Assistant Professor**
Department of Child, Youth and Family Studies
University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE
- 2012 – 2013 **Assistant Professor**
Department of Psychology
University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS
- 2008 – 2012 **Assistant Professor (non-tenure track)**
School of Public Health
University of Memphis, Memphis, TN
- 2005 – 2007 **Project Coordinator, NIH R01HD050895**
Department of Preventive Medicine
University of Tennessee Health Science Center, Memphis, TN
- 2003 – 2004 **Multisystemic Family Therapist**
Juvenile Justice Office, Boone County, MO

CONTRACTS and GRANTS

Current Research

COVID-19 Neuro Databank/Biobank (“NeuroCOVID Study”). Role: Site Project Coordinator. NIH/NINDS (FAIN: U24NS113844). 2022-2023.

Development and Implementation of a Model System of Rehabilitation Care for Patients Post-COVID-19. Role: Translational Research Director of Health Psychology. U.S. Department of the Treasury, Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds via subaward from Department of Health and Human Services (FAIN: SLFRP1965). 2022 to 2024.

Developing a Model System of Rehabilitation Care for Patients Post-COVID-19. Role: Translational Research Director of Health Psychology. U.S. Department of the Treasury, Rescue Act Funds via subaward from Douglas County, NE (FAIN: SLFRP1615). 2022 to 2026.

Select Examples of Previous Research

COVID-19 Family Life Study: Impact of the Pandemic on Family Life across Cultures. Role: Research team member. Project funded by in-kind support from partners who translated the survey and disseminated it through their local and professional networks. 2020 to 2022.

Food Systems, Health, & Well-being: Understanding Complex Relationships & Dynamics of Change. Role: Co-Investigator. Hatch Multistate, NIFA, U.S. Department of Agriculture (NEB-27-076). 2016 to 2021.

Needs and Adaptation of Caregivers of Young Children with Congenital Zika Virus Syndrome in Northeast Brazil: A Mixed Methods Pilot Study. Role: Principal Investigator. Funded by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Fundação Maria Cecília Souto Vidigal (Brazil). 2017 to 2019.

Ecological Approach to Family Style Dining: Encouraging Healthier Food Choices in Preschoolers. Role: Co-Investigator. The Cornell Center for Behavioral Economics in Child Nutrition. 2014 to 2018.

Supportive Psychosocial Services in Pediatric Medical Settings. Role: Principal Investigator. Doha International Family Institute, Doha, Qatar. 2017 to 2018.

Impact of Massage Therapy on Well-being for Parents of Children Recovering from Traumatic Injury. Role: Principal Investigator. Massage Therapy Foundation of the American Massage Therapy Association. 2015 to 2017.

Implications of Insecure Parent-Child Attachment for Early Childhood Obesity Risk. Role: Principal Investigator. Layman Award, University of Nebraska Foundation. 2015 to 2017.

Salivary Cortisol and Alpha-amylase Reactivity in Relation to Size and “Risky” Growth in Toddlers. Role: Principal Investigator. University of Nebraska Center for Brain, Biology & Behavior, Social & Behavioral Sciences Research Consortium. 2015 to 2016.

Obesity Prevention Practices in Early Care and Education Programs: Development of Web-based Instrument for Assessment and Programming. Role: Co-Investigator. NE Department of Health & Human Service, NE Dept. of Education, Extension Innovation. 2014 to 2015.

Healthy Eating in Childcare: An Interactive Providers’ Curriculum for Feeding Preschoolers. Role: Co-Investigator. University of Nebraska Institute for Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Innovation Grant. 2014 to 2015.

Social Networks and Infant Feeding Practices in New and Expecting Mothers. Role: Co-Principal Investigator. University of Memphis Center for Health Equity Research and Promotion Seed Grant. 2011 to 2012.

Identifying Sources of Distress in Parents of Children with Cancer. Role: Co-Investigator. Mississippi Children’s Cancer Fund, Chew Family Research Award. 2008.

HONORS and AWARDS

2022 *Visiting Professor Fellowship*, Department of Maternal-Child and Psychiatric Nursing, School of Nursing, University of São Paulo, Brazil. Competitive fellowship awarded by the Brazilian Ministry of Education, Coordination for the Improvement of Higher Education Personnel (CAPES) Foundation.

2022 *Nominee, Excellence in Graduate Education Award*, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE.

2020, 2021 *Nominee, Faculty Student Mentoring Award*, College of Education and Human Sciences, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE.

2019 *Outstanding Teaching Award*, College of Education and Human Sciences, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE.

2017 *Nominee, Emerging Scholar Research/Creative Award*, College of Education and Human Sciences, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE.

- 2008 *C. Eugene Walker Education Award*, Society for Pediatric Psychology.
- 2008 *Finalist, Diversity Poster Award*, Society for Pediatric Psychology.
- 2007 *Lizette Peterson-Homer Graduate Fellowship*, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO.
- 2006 *Early Childhood Longitudinal Study Training Workshop Travel Award*, National Center for Health Statistics, U.S. Department of Education.
- 1997, 1998 *Dean's Award for Academic Achievement*, Colgate University, Hamilton, NY.

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE

Psychologist, State of Nebraska, License #915

PUBLICATIONS (peer-reviewed)

1. Brik A, **Williams, NA**, Ladd Barker S (2024). Stressor pile-up, family and couple relational well-being, and parent stress during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Family Relations*, 73(1): 95-115. DOI: /10.1111/fare.12982.
2. **Williams NA**, Villachan-Lyra P, Hatton-Bowers H, Marvin C, Chaves E, Hollist C, Gomes R, Barbosa L (2023). Family-centered practices and parent mental health in a developmental intervention program for young children with Congenital Zika Syndrome. *Infants & Young Children*, 36(1): 21-36. DOI:10.1097/IYC.0000000000000230
3. Barker Ladd S, **Williams NA**, Villachan-Lyra P, Chaves E, Hollist C, Gomes R, Barbosa, L (2023). Translation and preliminary validation of the Brazilian Family Resources Scale among parents to children with Congenital Zika Virus Syndrome. *Journal of Pediatric Rehabilitation Medicine*, 16(2): 337-350. DOI: 10.3233/PRM-220025.
4. Brik A, **Williams NA**, Esteinou R, Darío Moreno-Acero I, Mesurado B, Debeljuh P, Eduardo Storopoli J, Nuñez Orellana O (2022). Parental mental health and child anxiety during the COVID-19 pandemic in Latin America. *Journal of Social Issues*, Published online June 28, 2022. DOI:10.1111/josi.12523.
5. Yang Z, **Williams NA** (2021). Parenting self-efficacy mediates the association between Chinese parents' depression symptoms and their young children's social and emotional competence. *Journal of Child and Family Studies*, 30:1261-1274. DOI: 10.1007/s10826-021-01930-6.
6. **Williams NA**, Hatton-Bowers H, Kohel K, Pillai S, Burnfield JM (2021). Informal caregivers' well-being at the transition to caregiving. *Rehabilitation Counseling Bulletin*, 64(4):208-221. DOI: 10.1177/0034355220962186.
7. Kohel K, Hatton-Bowers H, **Williams NA**, Dev D, Behrends D, Hulse E, Rida, Z, Dingman H, Dinkel D, Gebhart L (2021). Improving breastfeeding environments and feeding practices in family child care homes with the Go NAP SACC program. *Maternal and Child Health Journal*, 25(4):510-520. DOI: 10.1007/s10995-020-03075-2.
8. **Williams NA**, Villachan-Lyra P, Marvin C, Chaves E, Hollist C, Hatton-Bowers H, Barbosa L (2021). Anxiety and depression among caregivers of young children with Congenital Zika Syndrome in Brazil. *Disability and Rehabilitation*, 43(15):2100-2109. DOI: 10.1080/09638288.2019.1692252.

9. **Williams NA**, Ben Brik A, Petkus JM, Clark H (2021). Importance of play for young children facing serious illness and hospitalization: Rationale, opportunities, and a case study illustration. *Early Child Development and Care*, 191(1):58-67. DOI: 10.1080/03004430.2019.1601088.
10. Dev D, Garcia AS, Dzewaltowski DA, Sisson SB, Franzen-Castle L, Rida R, **Williams NA**, Hillburn C, Dinkel D, Srivastava D, Burger C, Hulse E, Behrends D (2020). Provider reported implementation of nutrition-related practices and barriers in childcare centers and family childcare homes in rural and urban Nebraska. *Preventive Medicine Reports*, 17:1-9. DOI: 10.1016/j.pmedr.2019.101021.
11. **Williams NA**, Ben Brik A, Petkus JM, Clark H (2019). Pediatric psychosocial care: Historical context, theoretically informed practice, and recommendations. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 107: 104504. DOI: 10.1016/j.chidyouth.2019.104504.
12. **Williams NA**, Burnfield JM, Springer P, Wolf K, Buster T (2019). Therapeutic massage to enhance family caregivers' well-being in a rehabilitation hospital. *Complementary Therapies in Clinical Practice*, 35:361-367. DOI: 10.1016/j.ctcp.2019.03.020.
13. **Williams NA**, Burnfield JM (2019). Psychological comorbidities and parental well-being in children with musculoskeletal problems in the 2011/2012 National Survey of Children's Health. *Rehabilitation Psychology*, 64(1):87-97. DOI: 10.1037/rep0000251.
14. Dev DA, **Williams NA**, Iruka I, Patwardhan I, Cummings K, Guo YA, Dingman H, Rida Z (2018). Improving the nutrition and screen time environment through self-assessment in Nebraska family childcare homes. *Public Health Nutrition*, 21(13):2351-2359. DOI: 10.1017/S1368980018001416.
15. Dev D, Speirs K, **Williams NA**, Ramsay S, McBride B, Hatton-Bowers H (2017). Providers' perspectives on self-regulation impact their use of responsive feeding practices in child care. *Appetite*, 118(1): 66-74. DOI: 10.1016/j.appet.2017.07.022.
16. **Williams NA**, Dev D, Hankey M, Blitch KA (2017). Role of food preoccupation and current dieting in the associations of parental feeding practices to emotional eating in young adults: A moderated mediation study. *Appetite*, 111:195-202. DOI: 10.1016/j.appet.2017.01.003.
17. Dev DA, McBride BA, Speirs KE, Blitch KA, **Williams NA** (2016). "Great job cleaning your plate today!" Determinants of child care providers' use of controlling feeding practices: An exploratory examination. *Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics*, 116(11):1803-1809. DOI: 10.1016/j.jand.2016.07.016.
18. Hankey M, **Williams NA**, Dev DA (2016). Uninvolved maternal feeding style moderates the association of emotional overeating to preschoolers' body mass index z-scores. *Journal of Nutrition Education & Behavior*, 48(8):530-537. DOI: 10.1016/j.jneb.2016.06.006.
19. **Williams NA**, Hankey M (2016). Implications of social support and parenting self-efficacy for food allergy-related parenting practices. *Pediatric Allergy, Immunology, and Pulmonology*, 29(2):74-79. DOI: 10.1089/ped.2015.0618
20. Ashida S, Lynn FB, **Williams NA**, Shafer E (2016). Competing infant feeding information in mothers' networks: Advice that supports versus undermines clinical recommendations. *Public Health Nutrition*, 19(7):1200-1210. DOI: 10.1017/S1368980015002220\.

21. Shafer E, **Williams NA**, Ogg-Digney S, Hare M, Ashida S (2016). Social contexts of infant feeding and infant feeding decisions. *Journal of Human Lactation*, 32(1):132-140. DOI:10.1177/0890334415592850.
22. **Williams NA**, Hankey M (2015). Support and negativity in interpersonal relationships impact caregivers' quality of life in pediatric food allergy. *Quality of Life Research*, 24(6):1369-1378. DOI: 10.1007/s11136-014-0862-x.
23. Jobe-Shields L, Andrews A, Parra GR, **Williams NA** (2015). Person-centered approaches to understanding early family risk. *Journal of Family Theory & Review*, 7(4):432-451. DOI: 10.1093/jpepsy/jst084.
24. Berlin KS, **Williams NA**, Parra GR (2014). An introduction to latent variable mixture modeling (part 1): Cross sectional latent class and latent profile analyses. *Journal of Pediatric Psychology*, 39(2):174-187. DOI: 10.1093/jpepsy/jst084.
25. Berlin KS, Parra GR, **Williams NA** (2014). An introduction to latent variable mixture modeling (part 2): Longitudinal latent class growth and growth mixture models. *Journal of Pediatric Psychology*, 39(2):188-203. DOI: 10.1093/jpepsy/jst085.
26. **Williams NA**, Fournier J, Coday M, Richey PA, Tylavsky FA, Hare M (2013). Body esteem, peer difficulties, and perceptions of physical health in overweight and obese urban children ages 5 to 7 years. *Child: Care, Health, and Development*, 39(6):825-834. DOI: 10.1111/j.1365-2214.2012.01401.x.
27. Hare M, Coday M, **Williams NA**, Tylavsky FA, Richey PA, Somes G, Bush A (2012). Methods and baseline characteristics of a randomized trial treating early childhood obesity: The Positive Lifestyles for Active Youngsters (Team PLAY) trial. *Contemporary Clinical Trials*, 33(3):534-549. DOI: 10.1016/j.cct.2012.02.003.
28. Klesges L, **Williams NA**, Davis K, Buscemi J, Kitzmann K (2012). External validity reporting in behavioral treatment of childhood obesity: A systematic review. *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, 42(2):185-92. DOI: 10.1016/j.amepre.2011.10.014.
29. **Williams NA**, Allen MT, Phipps S (2011). Adaptive style and physiological reactivity during a laboratory stress paradigm in children with cancer and healthy controls. *Journal of Behavioral Medicine*, 34(5):372-80. DOI: 10.1007/s10865-011-9321-0.
30. **Williams NA**, Coday M, Somes G, Tylavsky F, Richey PA, Hare M (2010). Risk factors for poor attendance in a family-based pediatric obesity intervention program for young children. *Journal of Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics*, 31:705-712. DOI: 10.1097/DBP.0b013e3181f17b1c.
31. **Williams NA**, Davis G, Hancock M, Phipps S (2010). Optimism and pessimism in children with cancer and healthy controls: Confirmatory factor analysis of the Youth Life Orientation Test and relations with health-related quality of life. *Journal of Pediatric Psychology*, 35(6):672-682. DOI: 10.1093/jpepsy/jsp084.
32. **Williams NA**, Parra GR, Elkin TD (2009). Parenting children with food allergy: Preliminary development of a measure assessing child-rearing behaviors in the context of pediatric food allergy. *Annals of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology*, 103:140-145. DOI: 10.1016/S1081-1206(10)60167-6.
33. **Williams NA**, Parra GR, Elkin TD (2009). Subjective distress and emotional resources in parents of children with food allergy. *Children's Health Care*, 38(3): 213-227. DOI: 10.1080/02739610903038792.

34. Crabtree VM, **Williams NA** (2009). Normal sleep in children and adolescents. *Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Clinics of North America*, 18(4): 799-811. DOI: 10.1016/j.chc.2009.04.013.
35. Damashek A, **Williams NA**, Sher KJ, Peterson L (2009). Relation of caregiver alcohol use to unintentional childhood injury. *Journal of Pediatric Psychology*, 34(4):344-353. DOI: 10.1093/jpepsy/jsn097.
36. Damashek A, **Williams NA**, Schweinle W, Lewis T, Sher KJ, Peterson L (2005). Risk for minor childhood injury: An investigation of parent and child factors. *Journal of Pediatric Psychology*, 30(6):469-480. DOI: 10.1093/jpepsy/jsi072
37. Sher KJ, Grekin E, **Williams NA** (2005). The development of alcohol use disorders. *Annual Review of Clinical Psychology*, 1:493-523. DOI: 10.1146/annurev.clinpsy.1.102803.144107

PRESENTATIONS and ABSTRACTS (peer-reviewed)

1. **Williams NA**, Massey J, Connelly E, Janovec D, Burnfield JM (2024). Six Minute Walk Test changes during outpatient rehabilitation in individuals with and without moderately severe to severe depression symptoms. *Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*, 105(4):e199. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.apmr.2024.02.679>.
2. Burnfield JM, Janovec D, **Williams NA**. Advancing the art and science of Post-COVID rehabilitation for speech, language, cognition and swallowing challenges (2023). 2023 Nebraska Speech-Language-Hearing Association Fall Convention. Lincoln, NE. September 21, 2023.
3. Jiang Q, Hatton-Bowers H, **Williams NA** (2021). How does mindful parenting and parent feeding practices relate to toddlers' eating behaviors? *World Association for Infant Mental Health*, Brisbane, Australia. June 22-26, 2021.
4. **Williams NA**, Villachan-Lyra P, Marvin C, Chaves E, Hatton-Bowers H, Hollist C, Barbosa L (2019). Brazilian parents' experiences in an early intervention program for young children with Congenital Zika Virus Syndrome. *National Council on Family Relations*. Fort Worth, TX. November 20-23, 2019.
5. **Williams NA**, Burnfield J, Kohel K, Hatton-Bowers H, Buster T (2019). Understanding and supporting the wellbeing of informal caregivers in medical rehabilitation settings. *National Council on Family Relations*, Fort Worth, TX. November 20-23, 2019.
6. Yang Z, **Williams NA**, Hong S (2019). Parenting self-efficacy mediates the relation between Chinese parents' depression and children's social-emotional competence. *National Council on Family Relations*, Fort Worth, TX. November 20-23, 2019.
7. Marvin C, **Williams NA**, Villachan-Lyra P, Hollist C, Chaves E, Powell M (2018). *Congenital Zika Virus Syndrome: A focus on caregivers in an epidemic*. Division for Early Childhood's 34th Annual International Conference on Young Children with Special Needs and Their Families, Orlando, Florida. October 23-26, 2018.
8. **Williams NA**, Hollist C (2018). Accessing hard to reach families in crisis: Responding to the family needs of the global Zika health crisis. *National Council on Family Relations*, San Diego, CA. November 7-10, 2018.

9. **Williams NA**, Villachan-Lyra P, Hollist C, Marvin C, Chaves E, Barbosa L (2018). Psychosocial adaptation of parents to toddlers with Congenital Zika Virus Syndrome in Brazil. *National Council on Family Relations*, San Diego, CA. November 7-10, 2018.
10. **Williams NA**, Burnfield J, Springer P, Wolf K, Warrick M (2017). Massage therapy reduces caregivers' distress in a rehabilitation hospital. *National Council on Family Relations*, Orlando, FL. November 15-18, 2017.
11. **Williams NA**, Dev D, Hankey M, Blitch K (2017). Food preoccupation mediates the association of restrictive child feeding practices to later emotional eating. *Biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development*, Austin, TX. April 6-8, 2017.
12. Dev D, **Williams NA**, Iruka I, Patwardhan I, Cummings K, Guo YA, Dingman H, Rida Z (2016). Improving the nutrition and physical activity environment through self-assessment in NE family childcare homes. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*, 48(7), S25.
13. Shafer E, **Williams NA**, Ashida S (2015). Who do low-income, urban mothers perceive as providing current infant feeding recommendations? *American Public Health Association*, Chicago, IL. October 31-November 4, 2015.
14. Ashida S, Lynn F, **Williams NA**, Schafer E (2015). Infant feeding information within mothers' social networks: What is the effect of advice that is consistent with versus inconsistent with clinical recommendations? *American Public Health Association*, Chicago, IL. October 31-November 4, 2015.
15. Dev DA, **Williams NA**, Kok CM, McBride B (2015). "Eat your veggies, the kids are watching and will mimic you!" Role modeling healthy eating in childcare: Provider perceptions. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*, 47(4), S89.
16. **Williams NA**, Escalante E, Hankey M (2015). Restrictive child feeding practices influence college students' BMI directly and emotional eating indirectly through food cravings. *Society for Research in Child Development*, Philadelphia, PA. March 19-21, 2015.
17. **Williams NA**, Hankey M (2015). Raising a food allergic child: The importance of social support and parenting self-efficacy for food allergy-related parenting practices. *Society for Pediatric Psychology Annual Conference*, San Diego, CA. April 16-18, 2015.
18. Schafer E, **Williams NA**, Digney S, Ashida S (2014). Relationship characteristics associated with breastfeeding encouragement within support networks of low-income mothers. *American Public Health Association*, New Orleans, LA. November 15-19, 2014.
19. Hankey M, **Williams NA** (2014). College students' reports of their parents' use of controlling feeding practices during middle childhood: Associations with gender, race, childhood weight status, and current BMI. *National Conference in Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology*, Lawrence, KS. October 14, 2014.
20. Hankey M, **Williams NA** (2014). Effects of maternal indulgent and uninvolved feeding on preschoolers' eating behaviors and weight. *Society for Pediatric Psychology Annual Conference*, Philadelphia, PA. March 27-29, 2014.
21. Schafer E, **Williams NA**, Digney S, Ashida S (2014). Social influence and initiation of breastfeeding among low-income urban mothers. *Society for Public Health Education*, Baltimore, MD. March 2014.
22. Hankey M, Soyars S, **Williams NA** (2013). Effects of social support on quality of life in parents of food allergic children. *Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies*, Nashville, TN. November 20-23, 2014.

23. **Williams NA**, Parra GR, Ronis ST, Fair EC, Hankey M, Lui J (2013). Parent-child conversations about family adversity: A review. *National Council on Family Relations*, San Antonio, TX. November 6-9, 2013.
24. Hankey M, **Williams NA**, Schafer E, Ogg Digney S, Ashida S (2013). Beliefs about childhood obesity among low income urban mothers of infants. *National Conference on Pediatric Psychology*, New Orleans, LA. April 11-13, 2013.
25. Karlson C, Leist-Haynes S, Smith ML, **Williams NA**, Elkin TD (2011). The Psychosocial Assessment Tool in pediatric sickle cell disease. *Society of Behavioral Medicine*, Washington, D.C. April 27-30, 2011.
26. **Williams NA**, Hare M, Tylavsky F (2011). Racial differences in infant feeding behaviors: Implications for childhood obesity risk. *Society of Pediatric Psychology*, San Antonio, TX. April 14-16, 2011.
27. **Williams NA**, Hare M, Tylavsky F (2011). Mothers' concerns about infant hunger and satiety promoting feeding practices adversely impact childhood obesity risk. *Society for Research in Child Development*, Montreal, Canada. March 30-April 2, 2011.
28. Hare M, Beeman G, Presbury G, **Williams NA**, Tylavsky F (2011). Racial differences in infant sleep behaviors. *Pediatric Academic Societies*, Denver, CO. April 30-May 3, 2011.
29. Tylavsky F, Beeman G, Presbury G, **Williams NA**, Hare M (2011). Night time sleep habits and weight gain during the first year of life. *Pediatric Academic Societies*, Denver, CO. April 30-May 3, 2011.
30. **Williams NA**, Parra GR (2009). Emotional functioning in mothers of children with food allergies: Links with child allergy characteristics and behavior problems. *Society for Research in Child Development*, Denver, CO. April 2-4, 2009.
31. Greening L, Harrell K, Low A, McLaurin Z, **Williams NA**, Stoppelbein L (2008). Health disparities in childhood obesity. *National Conference in Child Health Psychology*, Miami, FL. April 19-22, 2008.
32. Stoppelbein L, Greening L, **Williams NA** (2008). Cortisol as a predictor of depressive and post-traumatic stress symptoms among mothers of newly diagnosed pediatric cancer patients: A longitudinal analysis. *National Conference in Child Health Psychology*, Miami, FL. April 19-22, 2008.
33. **Williams NA**, Hare M (2008). The influence of family functioning on participant attendance in a pediatric obesity intervention program. *National Conference in Child Health Psychology*, Miami, FL. April 19-22, 2008.
34. Buss KA, Kiel EJ, **Williams NA**, Leuty M (2005). Using context to identify toddlers with dysregulated fear responses. *Society for Research in Child Development*, Atlanta, GA. April 7-10, 2005.
35. Damashek A, **Williams NA**, Ronis S, Borduin C (2005). Environmental distractions and children's risk for injury. *Society for Research in Child Development*, Atlanta, GA. April 7-10, 2005.
36. Kiel EJ, **Williams NA**, Buss KA (2004). Identification of emotional risk factors for negative toddler social-emotional adjustment. *Association for the Advancement of Behavior Therapy*, New Orleans, LA. November 2004.
37. **Williams NA**, Buss KA, Peterson L (2004). Influences on mothers' guidance in children's coping with stress. *International Society for Infant Studies*, Chicago, IL. May 5-8, 2004.

38. **Williams NA**, Luebbe A, Sher KJ (2003). Child temperament as a moderator of the relation of maternal psychopathology to toddler problem behavior. *Association for the Advancement of Behavior Therapy*, Boston, MA. November, 2003.
39. Cooper ML, Albino A, Talley A, Grabe S, **Williams NA**, Sheldon M (2003). Feelings about the self as cause and consequence of daily sexual experience. *International Society on Self & Identity*, Boston, MA. October, 2003.
40. Damashek A, **Williams NA**, Sher KJ (2003). *Relationship of parental intoxication to child injury rate and severity*. *American Psychological Association*, Toronto, Canada. August 7-10, 2003.
41. Cooper ML, Albino A, Talley A, Grabe S, **Williams NA**, Sheldon M (2003). Using electronic diaries to study individual and couple level influences on risky sexual behaviors. In M. L. Cooper (Chair, Studying clinically relevant behaviors via daily experience methods: Getting at what we really want to know! *American Psychological Society*, Atlanta, GA.
42. Bates J, Viken R, **Williams NA** (2003). Temperament as a moderator of the linkage between sleep and preschool adjustment. Part of symposium, Sleep deprivation and adaptive functioning of children and adolescents. *Society for Research on Child Development*, Tampa, FL. April 24-27, 2003.
43. **Williams NA**, Peterson-Homer L, Sher KJ (2002). Mothers' strategies for helping toddlers cope with dissimilar stressors. *Association for the Advancement of Behavior Therapy*, Reno, NV. November 2002.

INVITED PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Burnfield JM, Massey J, Bertsch J, **Williams NA**. Advancing care and outcomes for individuals rehabilitating from COVID-19: Maximizing functional independence and mental health. 2024 APTA-NE Chapter Annual Education Conference. Omaha, NE. April 6, 2024.
2. Burnfield JM, Janovec D, **Williams NA**. Advancing the art and science of Post-COVID rehabilitation for speech, language, cognition and swallowing challenges. 2023 Nebraska Speech-Language-Hearing Association Fall Convention. September 21, 2023.
3. **Williams, NA**. Unseen: How we're failing parent caregivers. Served as panelist for community screening of the documentary *Unseen*, Mary Riepma Media Arts Center, Lincoln, NE. June 28, 2023.
4. **Williams NA**. Moving beyond the academy. *University of Nebraska Preparing Future Faculty Program*, Lincoln, NE. June 2, 2023.
5. **Williams NA**. Addressing the psychosocial needs of children in hospital and their families. *Doha International Family Institute*. Doha, Qatar. September 22, 2018.
6. **Williams NA**, Marvin C. Supporting families of children with long-term disabilities or health-care needs. *Professor Fernando Figueira Integral Medicine Institute*, Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil. November 2, 2017.
7. **Williams NA**. Supporting parents in inpatient pediatric rehabilitation. *UNL/Brazil Partners Working Meeting: Improving the Lives of Children: A UNL-Brazil Collaborative on Early Childhood Research and Practice*. São Paulo, Brazil. May 18, 2016.

8. **Williams NA.** Lowering the risk of obesity: How child and family influences affect young children's growth and size. *Nebraska Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics Conference.* Lincoln, NE.
9. **Williams NA.** Integrating a family focus in child health research and practice. *University of Lusitania-Lisboa,* Portugal. October 23, 2014.
10. **Williams NA,** Dev D. Fostering healthy eating habits in children. *Lincoln Public Schools K-2.* Lincoln, NE. May and June, 2014.
11. Berlin KS, **Williams NA,** Quynh T, Tylavsky FA, Ferry RJ. Predicting accelerated weight gain in urban Infants and toddlers. *Urban Child Institute,* Memphis, TN. March, 2013.
12. **Williams NA,** Levy M. *Social determinants of health.* Tennessee Department of Health and Human Services, Nashville, TN. July, 2011.